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SUBJ: PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST DELEGATION VISITS IRAQ

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1. LOCAL PRESS ON MAY 13 AND 14 REPORTED THE ARRIVAL OF A TWO-MAN DELEGATION OF THE PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY. THE DELEGATION CALLED ON DR. ZAID HAIDER, A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMAND OF THE ARAB BAATH

SOCIALIST PARTY. NAMES OF PUERTO RICANS WERE NOT MENTIONED.

2. HEAD OF PUERTO RICAN DELEGATION WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN RELENTLESS STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALISM, BOTH ON PUERTO RICAN TERRITORY AND IN THE U.S. ITSELF, PLEDGE UNRESERVED SUPPORT TO REVOLUTION MOUNTED BY THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE FOR LIBERATING THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND SETTING UP A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

3. DELEGATION ALSO PUBLICLY COMPLIMENTED ACHIEVEMENTS OF ARAB BAATH SOCIALIST PARTY IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL SPHERE AND PRAISED ITS ROLE IN ENHANCING NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. DELEGATION EXPRESSED ITS THANKS FOR THE MORAL AND MATERIAL

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ASSISTANCE WHICH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BAATH PARTY AND THE (ARAB)

REVOLUTION HAVE BEEN RENDERING TO THE STRUGGLE OF THE PUERTO
RICAN PEOPLE.

4. COMMENT: IRAQIS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO USE PUERTO RICAN
ISSUE AS MEANS TO FURTHER THEIR CLAIMS TO LEADERSHIP ROLE
AMONG THIRD WORLD NATIONS. THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE
SEEN THAT IRAQIS MAY HAVE GIVEN MATERIAL SUPPORT TO THE
"STRUGGLE OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE."
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